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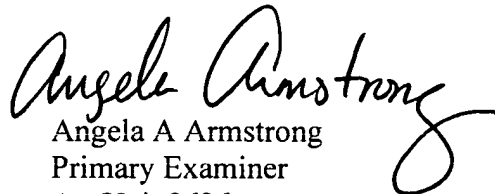
The amendment filed on December 4, 2006, canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the elected invention is a method for interpreting spoken requests implementing recognizing spoken requests for television programming; in response to recognizing spoken requests, referring to previous requests to interpret the spoken requests; generating responses to spoken requests for television programming; recognizing commands for television programming; and in response to a command, refraining from using information from prior requests to interpret the command. However, the remaining non-elected claims are drawn to a method for distinguishing between commands for immediate action and other requests implementing recognizing a spoken request for television programming; storing a term used in said request in a structural history; determining if the next request is a command for immediate action; and if the next request is a command for immediate action, saving the term and otherwise deleting the term from the structural history.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela A. Armstrong whose telephone number is 571-272-7598. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 11:30-8:00 PM.

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